



## A Principality in the area formerly known as Rivers Region?

### Process of creating a Principality

A group has formed and we are conducting research into whether there is sufficient support and commitment in this area necessary to petition the Crown for Crown Principality status. Meetings, socials, and work parties will be announced to take place at local events, and in the homes and encampments of interested parties. These activities are open to anyone with an interest, whether for or against, a movement toward principality. Eventually, and only with the support of a majority of the populace, we would like to move toward full principality status. **We are just beginning this journey.**

The preliminary idea of creating a principality in NW Oregon/SW Washington involves those branches who were designated as part of the former Rivers Region without the branches now part of Summits. There is still much work to be done to determine if there is sufficient interest in each of these branches for inclusion in a potential principality, thus this list should be viewed as a starting point:

Shire of **Dragon's Mist**, Shire of **Fire Mountain Keep** (possible northern border), Shire of **Heron's Reach** (possible western border), Shire of **Mountain Edge** (southern border), Shire of **River's Bend** (possible northern border), Barony of **Stromgard**, and Barony of **Three Mountains** (eastern border).

### Benefits of Principality status

Full principality status conveys an intermediate level of pageantry, play and opportunity to serve between local branches and the kingdom. We would have our own awards structure, laws, events, champions and officers. Those members of the populace who are limited from participating at a kingdom level due to a variety of factors would have another level of play available to them. **Principalties bring Royalty closer** to those branches that rarely have the opportunity to host the Crown of An Tir, especially branches that do not have a ceremonial head. **Principalties act as training grounds** for Kingdom officers, offering a more experienced and skilled pool from which to draw, improving the health of the kingdom. Heavy armored fighters will have to opportunity to test their skill at arms in a Principality Coronet tournament, and if victorious, serve as Prince or Princess. Event sites that might not be suitable for Crown events may be utilized for the principality, and our autocrats will be able to receive additional training on organizing mid-level events. Artists, archers, fencers and equestrians all have the chance to test their skills against a wider field of competitors for the honor of serving as a principality champions before setting their sights on the kingdom championships.

### Getting more information/How to get involved

The principality interest group is growing at a surprising rate and is made up of individuals from across all the area branches. Dame Arwen McDougall Lioncourt, OP, is volunteering as a leader in maintaining the momentum of the movement, and can be reached via email at: [srberry@teleport.com](mailto:srberry@teleport.com). To **join in the discussion** list regarding creation of a Crown Principality, send request to [rafaella@easystreet.com](mailto:rafaella@easystreet.com) or visit: <http://www.castle.org/mailman/listinfo/riverscp>.

We are aware that there are differing points of view regarding making this area into a Principality and we wish for you to make an informed decision when lending your support to this movement. The **website contains information concerning the pros and cons of Principality** status that we hope will answer any questions or concerns. Visit the website at: <http://www.currentmiddleages.org/principality/>.

**Word of mouth is the best kind of support you can give to this movement.** Talk to people about the benefits of principality – be enthusiastic and positive. You can visibly demonstrate your support for the idea of a principality by flying a green banner with the letter “P” (for principality) in gold. Additionally, we encourage you to make and wear simple armbands, belt favors, or baldrics in the same design. Make some extras and give them to anyone you talk to who supports the idea. Give them a copy of this handout and encourage them to talk about it with friends and acquaintances.

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